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FOREST SETTING TRIP DESTINATION

In the last 12 months, how many trips, 15 or more minutes, away from home did you take for the primary purpose of (activitying)? _____

Now think for a moment about the places where you went for (activitying). How many of your (no.) trips were to places mostly forested, versus places with few to no trees?

Trips to mostly forested areas _____

WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE

The next few questions have to do with the local area where you currently live.

1. Which one of the following statements best describes the area within ½ mile of where you live?

- Old downtown area with little new development except for restoration (If selected, end WUI questions)
- Older residential area near downtown (If selected, end WUI questions)
- Newer residential area considered to be a part of the city with some new development underway
- Newly developing area with active housing and commercial development
- Area with scattered new residential and commercial development mixed with rural houses and farms
- Rural area with little new development (If selected, end WUI)

4. Do you live within the limits of a city or town? (Y/N and if Y, which city or town) (If N, which county) _____ City or County Name

(Interviewer, don't read. The following questions are looking at fire risk in the interface area. These questions will apply only to those answering yes to the 3rd, 4th, or 5th items in question 1 above.)

Interviewer read: In many newly developing areas there can be risks of damage to homes and businesses from nearby forest fires.

5. Which one of the following statements best describes the area within ½ mile of your home?

- Mostly wooded with houses next to or within large areas of forest.
- Several forest areas not yet developed, but trees and vegetation have been thinned near houses.
- A few scattered forest areas left, and trees near houses have been removed
- Very little tree cover remains anywhere

5a. What type of dwelling do you live in?

Apartment/Condo/townhouse

Duplex

Single family home

Other

6. Which one of the following statements best describes the landscape around your dwelling

- There are numerous trees, ground vegetation and leaves next too and all around my home
- There are numerous trees next to my home, but nearby leaves, shrubs and vines have mostly been removed
- There are a few trees next to my home, but shrubs and vines have been removed
- Almost all trees, shrubs and vines have been removed

5b Do you own your current dwelling? (Y/N)(If No, skip Q's 7 and 14)

7. Please tell me if you have taken any of the following precautions to protect your home from wildfires? Check all that apply.

- None
- Purchased extra hoses or fire extinguishers
- Kept leaves, vines and shrubs cleared next to your home and out buildings
- Kept trees and vegetation cleared at a considerable distance around your home and outbuildings
- Burn leaves and ground vegetation to keep it under control
- Purchased extra property insurance
- Other steps, please describe

9. Please indicate how you feel about removing some trees and ground vegetation from around your home as a precaution against wildfires?

Strongly support

- Somewhat support
- Not sure/Don't know
- Somewhat opposed
- Strongly opposed

10. How do you feel about having professional foresters use fire to burn off leaves and

ground materials as a precaution against wildfires?

- Strongly support
- Somewhat support
- Not sure/Don't know
- Somewhat opposed
- Strongly opposed

11. How do you feel about using herbicides as precaution against wildfires?

- Strongly support
- Somewhat support
- Not sure/Don't know
- Somewhat opposed
- Strongly opposed

8. How concerned are you that a forest wildfire may damage your home?

- Very concerned
- Somewhat concerned
- Only a little concerned
- Not concerned at all
- Not sure
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13. Have you ever had a wildfire come close to your home? (Y/N) (If No, skip Q12)

12. Have you ever had a home damaged or destroyed by a wildfire? (Y/N)

14. Please indicate which roles you think government agencies should play in reducing wildfire threats to your home, business or other property? (Y/N)

- Remove, burn or otherwise control excess vegetation
- Provide fire risk education for home and business owners
- Provide low-cost insurance
- Regulate forest land owners' use of fire and require control of burnable ground vegetation
- Regulate home and business landscaping to control tree and ground cover
- No role, this is strictly a private matter
- Not sure

CONGRESSIONALLY DESIGNATED AREAS

Interviewer read: In the past, our Congress has established a vast system of federally managed natural areas. Some of these areas offer outstanding natural scenery and recreational opportunities.

1. How do you feel about designating some of these outstanding federal areas so they will be managed especially for their scenery and recreation opportunities?

- Strongly support
- Somewhat support
- Not sure

- Somewhat opposed
- Strongly opposed

Interviewer read: In the past, the Congress has designated a number of outstanding federal areas as National Parks, but there are other federal areas that also have outstanding scenery and recreation potential.

2. How do you feel about designating some of these other outstanding federal natural areas to be managed especially for their scenery and recreation opportunities?

- Strongly support
- Somewhat support
- Not sure
- Somewhat opposed
- Strongly opposed

3. Were you aware that the Congress has in past years designated some of these other outstanding federal natural areas as National Recreation Areas, Scenic Areas, Wild and Scenic Rivers or National Monuments? (Y/N)

4. Of the following federal agencies, please tell me which to your knowledge is responsible for managing National Recreation Areas, Scenic Areas, wild and scenic Rivers, or National Monuments? (Y/N to each agency) (Program to randomize order.)

- U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- U. S. Forest Service
- National Park Service
- The Bureau of Land Management
- The Environmental Protection Agency

5. Have you ever visited a federal area you knew for sure was a National Recreation Area, Scenic Area, Wild and Scenic River or National Monument? (Y/N) (If yes, ask Q 6, If no, go to next module of questions)

6. What is the name of the area you visited?

_____ Name

(If they cannot remember the name, then start 7. Recalling the area you visited)

7. Recalling (name of area as they gave it), how would you rate each of the following services or facilities at that area on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being exceptionally low and 5 being exceptionally high. If you are not sure, please tell me (Randomize)

- Cleanliness of restrooms, facilities and grounds
- Helpfulness of area employees
- Reasonableness of fees for use of the area and services
- Availability and quality of maps, informational signs, and bulletin boards
- Ability to bring pets
- Availability and quality of recreation facilities, such as picnic tables, boat ramps,

- camp sites
- Availability and quality of trails for walking and hiking
- Accessibility for physically disabled or sight or hearing impaired
- Availability and quality of interpretive programs, and opportunities to learn about the area

7a. Recalling (name of area as they gave it), how would you rate each of the following characteristics of that area on a scale of 1 to 5, with 1 being exceptionally low and 5 being exceptionally high. If you are not sure, please tell me (Randomize)

- Closeness and convenience of the area to where I live
- Quality and availability of roads and parking
- Quality of the natural scenery in the area
- Opportunity to see wildlife, birds or wildflowers
- Safety and security of the area